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1. MOST OBJECTIONABLE ANTI-BEGIN, ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLE
IN CURRENT SERIES CONTAINED IN JAN 31 AKHBAR ENTITLED
"MR. BEGIN YOU ARE THE ANTI-SEMITIC." ARTICLE WRITTEN BY
AHMAD HUSSEIN, FORMER LEADER OF MISR AL FATAH. IN ARTICLE
HUSSEIN SAID JEWS IN GERMANY CLIMBED VERY HIGH AND THEIR
FALL LIKEWISE HORRIBLE. CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN USA
FOLLOWING SAME PATTERN. ISRAELIS BELIEVE THEY CAN
DECEIVE WHOLE WORLD BY NOT ACCEPTING PEACE UNLESS EVERY-
THING DEVOTED TO GUARANTEEING SECURITY AND GLORY OF
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ISRAEL.

2. HUSSEIN ALLEGED BEGIN BELIEVES CHARGE OF ANTI-SEMITISM
WOULD INTIMIDATE EGYPTIANS. BEGIN CONSIDERS ONLY JEWS
ARE SEMITES, ADVISING EGYPTIANS REMAIN SLAVES TO THEIR
SEMITIC MASTERS. BEGIN, SAID HUSSEIN, IGNORANT OF INTER-
NATIONAL LAW, CONSIDERS ISRAELIS AS FAVORITE CHILDREN

OF GOD. OTHER NATIONS "NOTHING MORE THAN ANIMALS
CREATED BY GOD TO SERVE THEIR MASTERS THE JEWS . . . IF
MASTERS WANT TO SLAUGHTER SLAVES LATTER MUST MEET THIS
WITH A SMILE." THIS, ACCORDING TO HUSSEIN, IS BEGIN'S
LOGIC EXEMPLIFIED IN STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT WANT
ARAB RECOGNITION.

3. HUSSEIN RIDICULES BEGIN FOR FAILING UNDERSTAND HOW
EGYPTIANS CAN REJECT HONOR OF HAVING ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS
ON THEIR TERRITORY, PROTECTED BY IDF "WHICH GOD HIMSELF
LEADS." HE THANKED BEGIN FOR NOT ASKING EGYPT DISBAND
ITS AIR FORCE, ARMY AND NAVY WHICH ALSO CONSTITUTE MENACE
TO ISRAELI SECURITY. HUSSEIN CONCLUDED THESE ARE "FOLLIES,
WHICH NOBODY UTTERS BUT THE INSANE."

4. HUSSEIN "AGREED" WITH BEGIN THAT IT IMPOSSIBLE COMPARE
HIM WITH SHAKESPEARE'S SHYLOCK; SHYLOCK WAS GOOD CITIZEN
WHO RESPECTED LAW. "BEGIN AND HIS FRIEND DAYAN",
HOWEVER, REJECT ALL THE LAWS OF THE WORLD. HUSSEIN
CONCLUDED JEWS MUST REALIZE DANGER TO WHICH BEGIN EX-
POSING THEM. AMERICAN JEWS, IN PARTICULAR, WARNED OF
FATE WHICH GERMAN JEWS FACED EARLIER AND TO WHICH THEY
BEING DRAGGED BY BEGIN. ISRAEL, ACCORDING HUSSEIN, MUST
AGREE RETURN TO 1948 BOUNDARIES WITHIN TWO YEARS IF IT WISH-
ES AVOID HORRIBLE FATE.

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5. COMMENT: FORTUNATELY, STORY BURIED ON PAGE 5
OF AKHBAR. NEVERTHELESS, WE DO NOT THINK IT WILL ESCAPE
ISRAELI ATTENTION. MOST UNFORTUNATE IT APPEARED ON DAY
MILITARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULED RECONVENE. WE WILL POINT OUT,
AGAIN, TO EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS THAT SUCH ARTICLES HARM THEIR
OWN INTERESTS. WE STILL DO NOT BELIEVE THERE ORGANIZED
ANTI-SEMITIC PRESS CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY DESPITE SPATE OF
RECENT ARTICLES. FOR EXAMPLE, FIRST EVER BOOK OF
ISRAELI LITERATURE, CONTAINING POEMS, SHORT STORIES AND
ESSAYS, CURRENTLY BEING PRINTED AND WILL SHORTLY APPEAR
ON EGYPTIAN NEWSSTANDS IN ARABIC. FOR INFORMATION OF
ADDRESSEES, MISR AL FATAH WAS QUASI-FASCIST ORGANIZATION
ACTIVE IN EGYPT IN FIRST HALF THIS CENTURY. ELTS

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